# CHAPTER #5 MANY DIFFERENT SOULS

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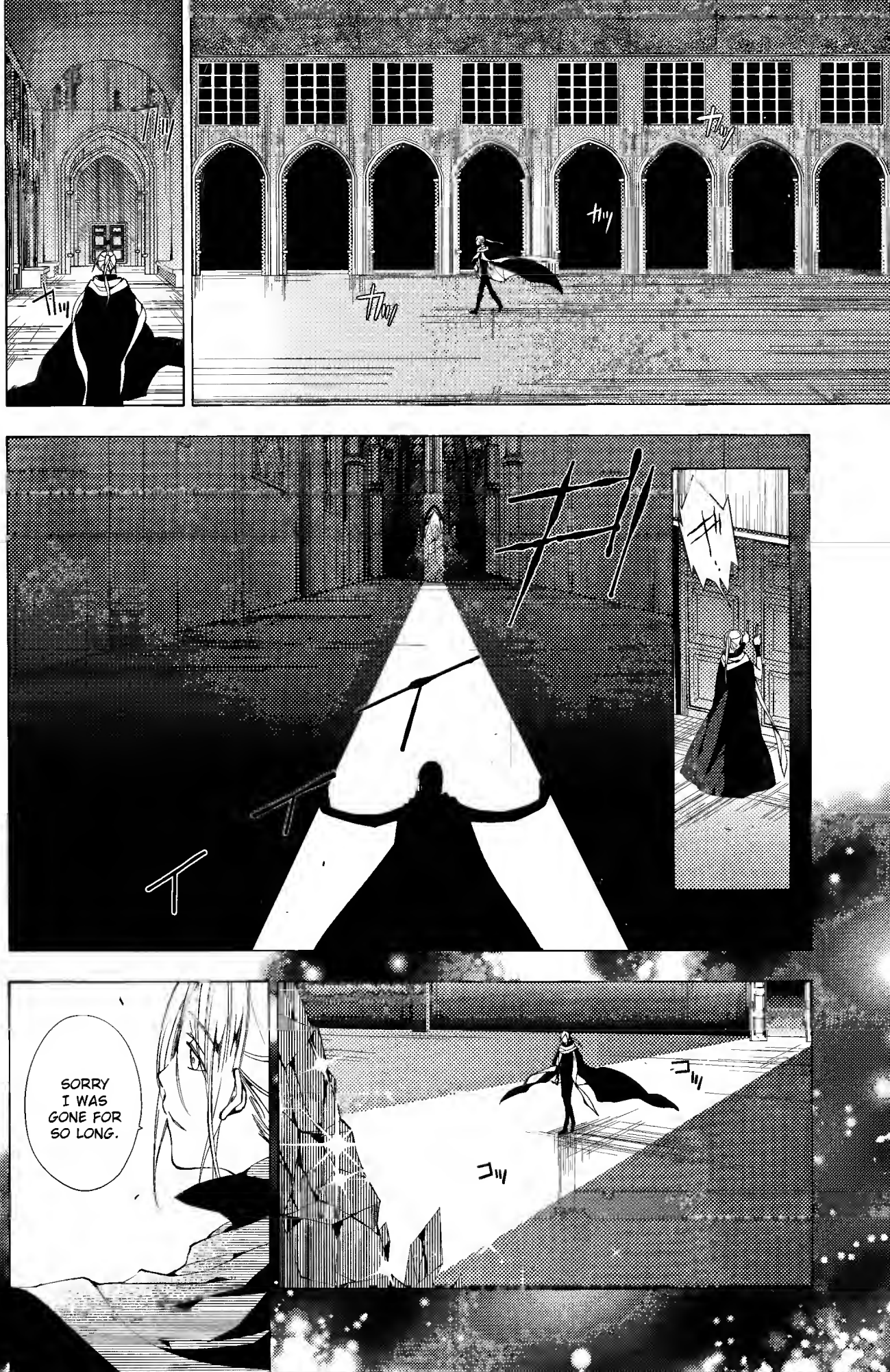
SORRY I WAS GONE FOR SO LONG.

HOKUTO.
HERE...
SORRY, IT'S ONLY A SMALL ONE.

...
TOUCH
...NO MATTER HOW MANY I BRING, IT'S NEVER ENOUGH.
AFTER COMING TO EARTH, I WAS ABLE TO SEE HOW PURE A SOUL IS.
BUT I'VE BEEN BRINGING IMPURE SOULS, AND GETTING NO RESULTS.
I'VE GOT TO BRING PURER SOULS...
SORRY... HOKUTO...

LAST NIGHT, SHE SUDDENLY GOT SICK. THEY SAID THAT IT'S THE DISABLING SYNDROME!
THEY SAID THAT SHE WOKE UP AGAIN AN HOUR LATER, BUT...
WHAT?! WHAT HAPPENED TO SAKA-SHITA-SAN?!
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...THANK GOOD-NESS.
I WONDER IF THAT WAS JUDOU-KUN'S DOING... I'LL ASK HIM LATER.
OH, CLASS REP.
COULD YOU COVER FOR HER IN THE CLASS PLAY TODAY?
?
WHAT?
HUH?!
SAKASHITA-SAN'S THE PRINCESS, RIGHT? BUT SHE'S NOT HERE TODAY.
YOU KNOW ALL HER LINES, RIGHT, CLASS REP?
I-I'M ONLY GOOD AT SETTING UP THE STAGE!
DON'T WORRY! YOU CAN LEAVE ALL THE STAGE SETUP TO TATSUKI HERE!
HEY!
Sensei said it'd be okay, too!

All done!
HEHE, NOW YOU LOOK LIKE A REAL ACTRESS.
Looks good!
REN-CHAN!
I CAN'T SEE WITH-OUT MY GLASSES!
No problem!
YOU'LL WEAR CONTACTS WHEN YOU'RE ON STAGE!
YO!
SOUMA, WHY THE HELL ARE YOU COMING IN FROM THERE...
HUH?
Just out
AH, SOU-CHAN! DON'T CLIMB IN LIKE THAT... AND YOU'RE LATE AGAIN!
JEEZ! I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ON YOUR OWN, CAN I...
AW, CRAP!!
SHE'S TOO CUTE!
Put her glasses back on
SOU-CHAN!
Your ears!

W-We'll get along without it! Probably!
Laughing it off
Maybe I should try a different arrangement
Class rep, this broke
What?
Sorry!
Hey, hey!
Class rep, can you look at these lines?
Huh? Sure
Maybe we should put it in a ponytail
No!
Hm!
Who was that?

THE HELL?
MY FACE IS BURN-NING...
VMMMMM
...AH.
BEEP
BEEP
BLUSH

職員室
OH, YOU'RE STILL HERE?
YAKUMO-SENSEI, THE PLAY HAS ALREADY STARTED!
YEAH, I'M COMIN' RIGHT NOW.
...MY,
ARE YOU HURT?
HUH?
YOUR ARM IS BLEED-ING...
O-OHH, I JUST SCRATCH-ED IT ON SOMETHING EARLIER.
I'M OKAY.
Yes'm.
I SEE.
PLEASE COME TO THE GYM AS SOON AS YOU CAN, THEN.

HOW WAS THAT PROTECTING HER...?
sigh
DAMMIT.
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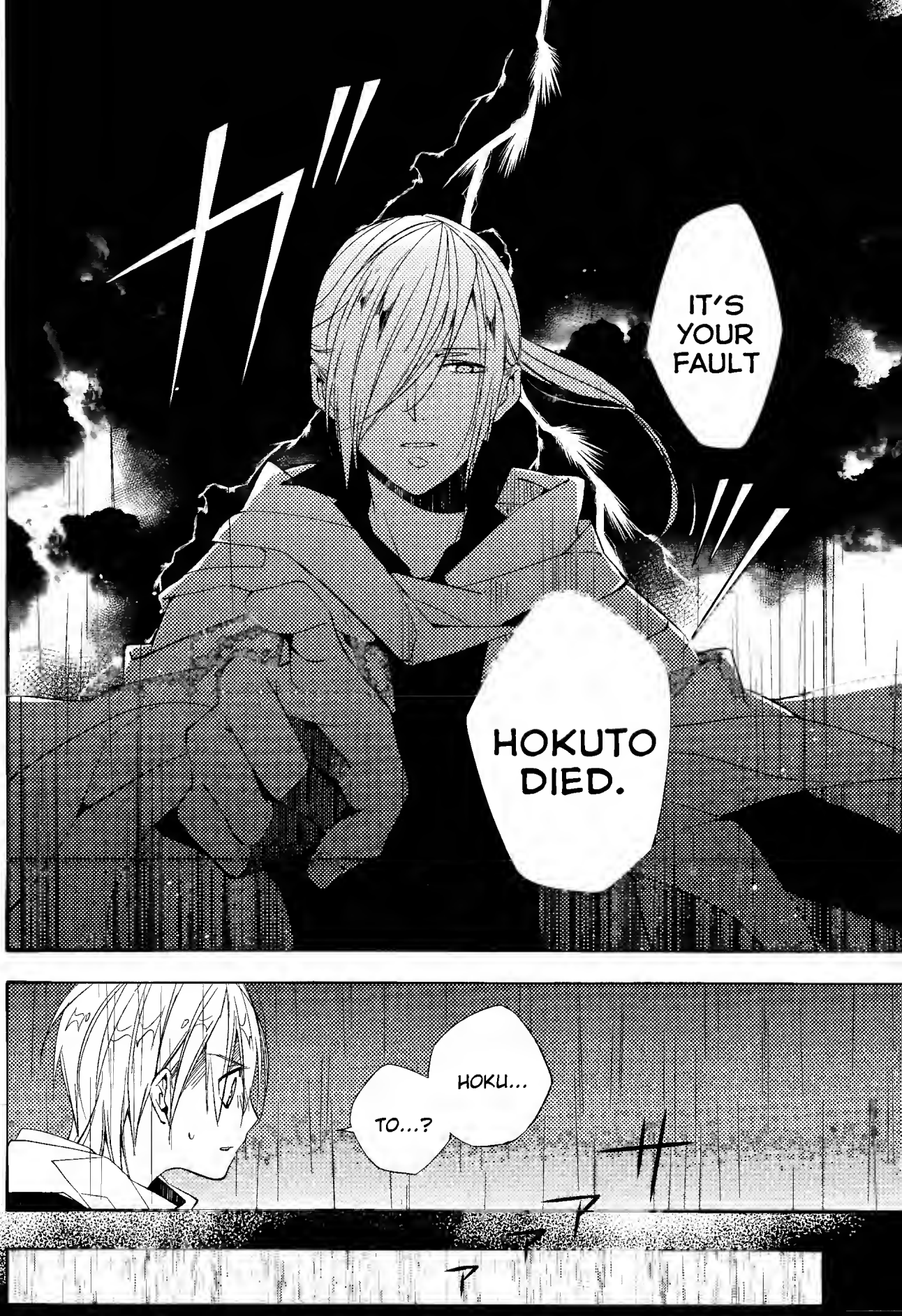
BRO-THER, WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS TARGETING THIS PLACE?
...LIGHT-NING?

WHY DID YOU LEAVE ALBOX?!
WHY DID YOU LEAVE PRINCESS GAIA'S SIDE...

HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT THIS ALL HAPPENED.


IT'S YOUR FAULT
HOKUTO DIED.
HOKU...
TO...?

THERE YOU ARE, MASHIM!
HOKUTO.
THE HEAD MAID TOLD ME I COULD FIND YOU HERE!
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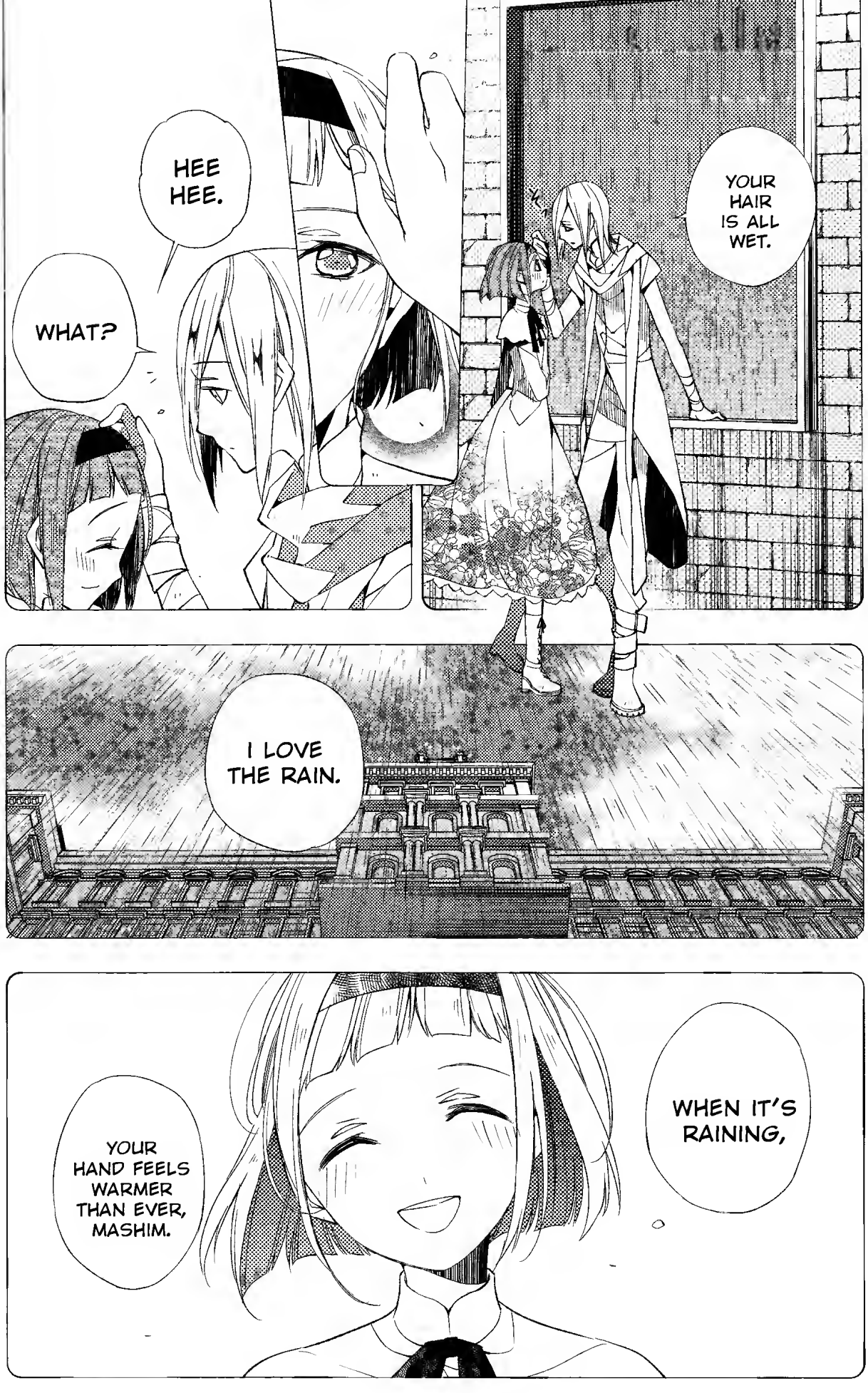
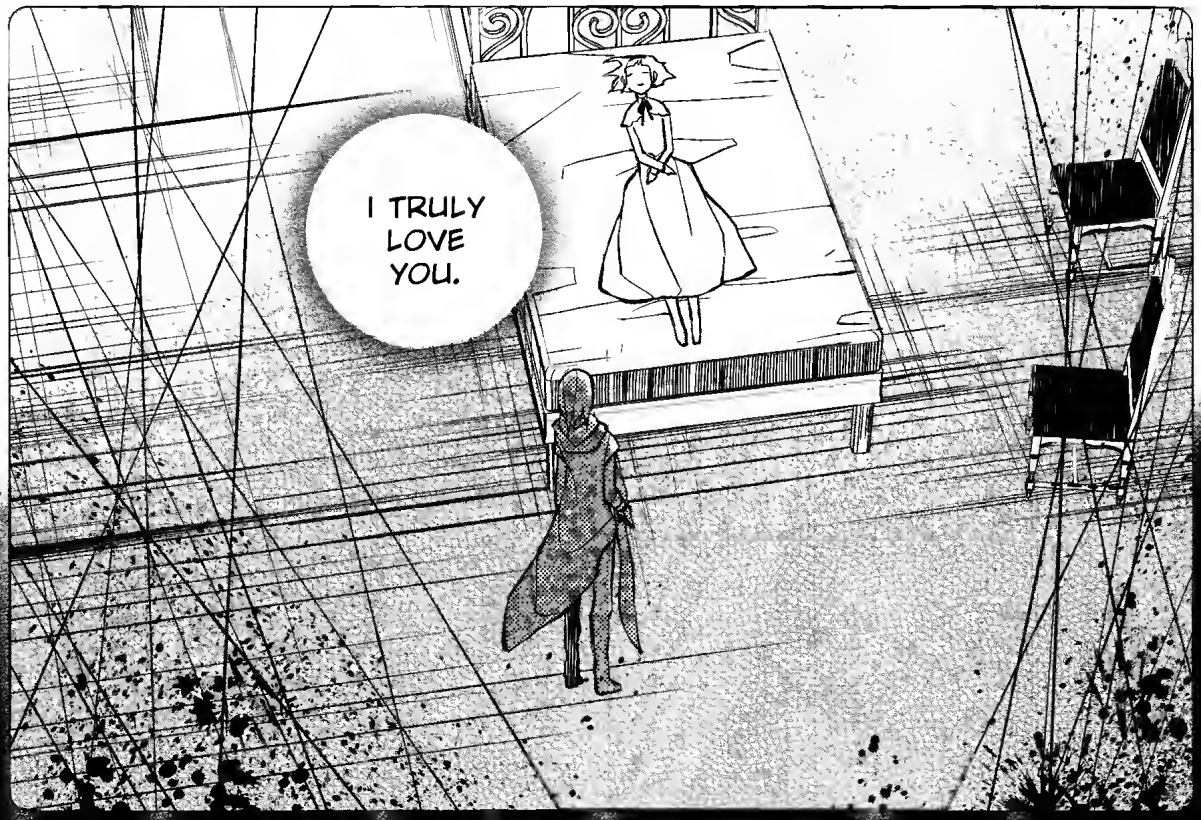
AHAHA, THAT WAS EXCITING!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M SORRY TO BRING YOU HERE IN THE RAIN... YOU MUST BE COLD.


YOUR HAIR IS ALL WET.
HEE HEE.
WHAT?
I LOVE THE RAIN.
WHEN IT'S RAINING,
YOUR HAND FEELS WARMER THAN EVER, MASHIM.

I LOVE YOU, MASHIM.

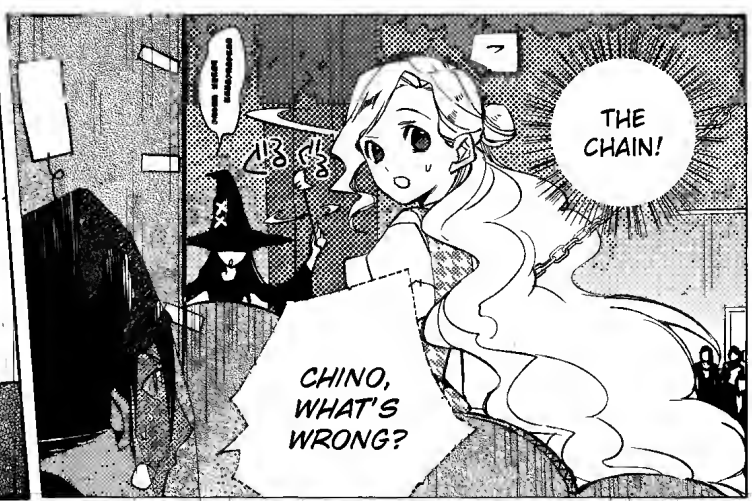

I TRULY LOVE YOU.

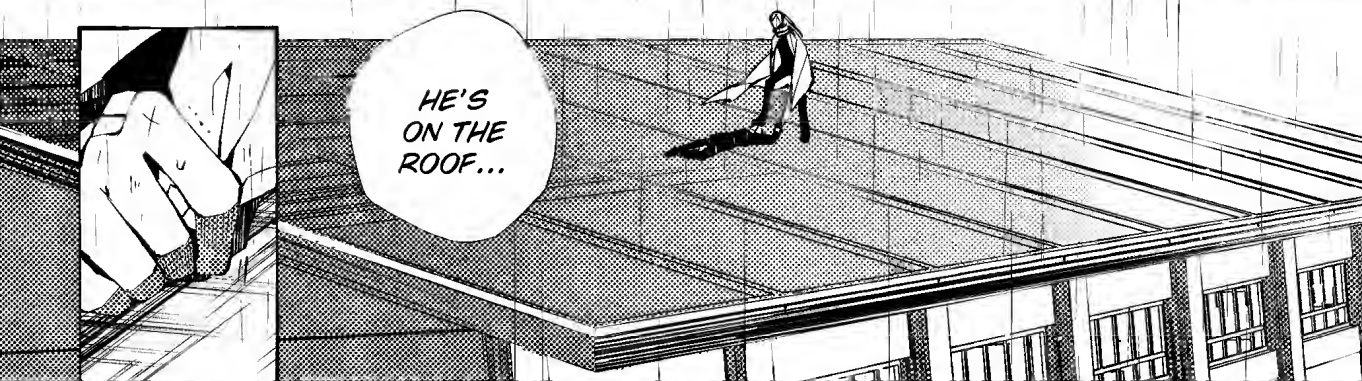
HOKUTO?! WAS THAT YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...?
SHE DIED?!
THAT'S... HOW IS THAT MY FAULT?!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH.
I'M DONE WASTING MY TIME.
I'VE COME FOR YOUR SOUL.

UWAAAH!!

B-BUT ONIONS MAKE ME CRY...
THEN, WHY DON'T I TURN THAT ONION INTO A CARRIAGE FOR YOU?

SOU-CHAN, JUDOU'S SIGNALING ME!
I-I THINK...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS? I'LL GO FIND HIM!


THE CHAIN!
CHINO, WHAT'S WRONG?


HE'S ON THE ROOF...

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TAKE YOUR HAND OFF OF ME. I HAVE TWO SOUL EATERS READY AND WAITING.
...WHY DIDN'T YOU ATTACK ME, JUDOU?
I'VE JUST TOLD YOU THAT YOU AND I ARE NO LONGER RELATED.
B... BRO- THER...

T-TELL ME...
WHY.
WHY IS HOKUTO'S DEATH... MY FAULT?
IS THAT... WHY YOU LEFT?
ARE ALL OF THOSE SOULS YOU'RE COLLEC-TING...
ARE ALL OF THOSE FOR HE-
SHUT UP!
IT'S YOU.

SO YOU'RE THE BASTARD WHO INTERRUPTED CHINO'S PER-FORMANCE!
HEY, JUDOU, YOU OKAY...

THE HELL?!
HUH?
WHA?
HUH?
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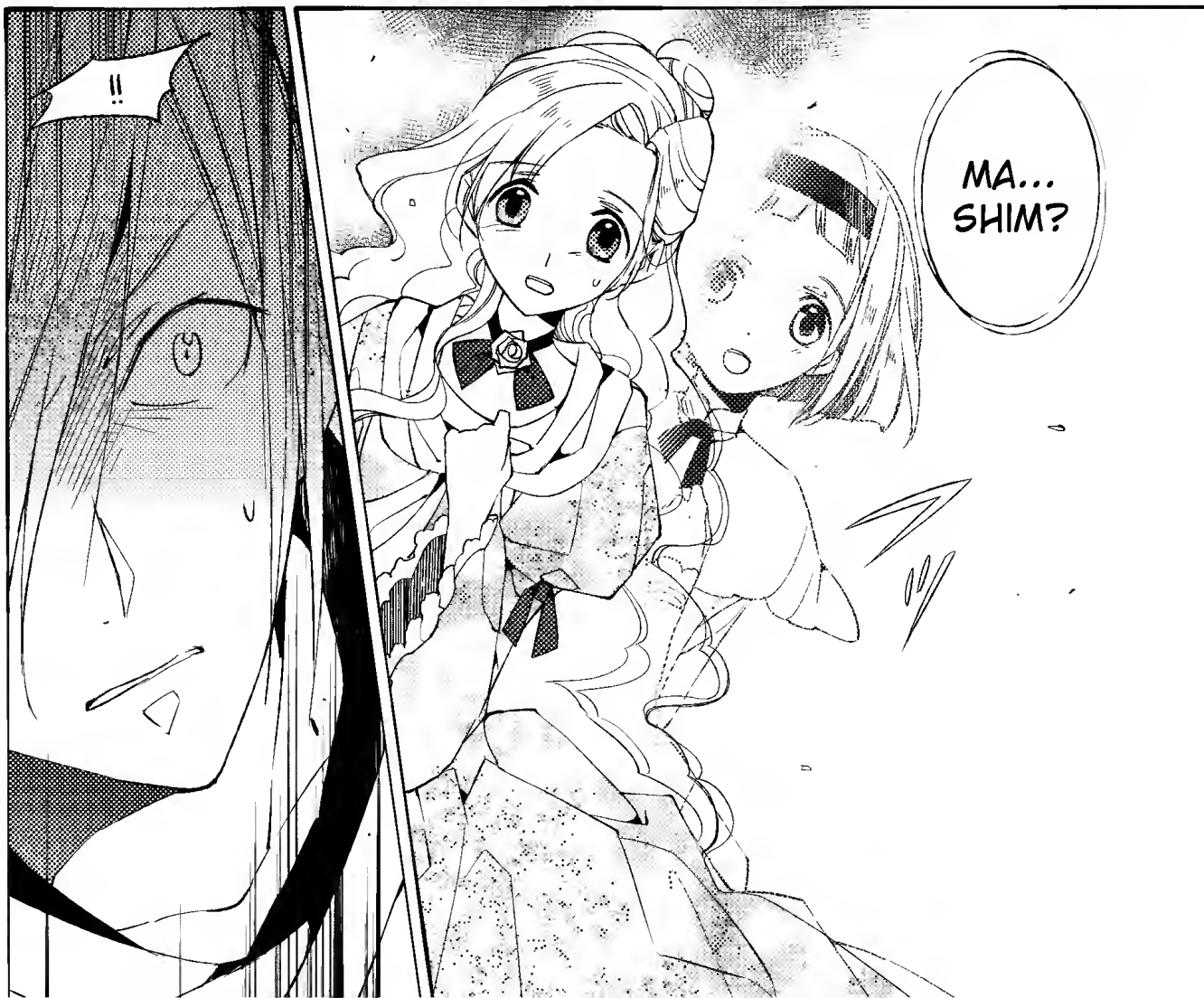
PRINCESS... AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR NAME...
I'VE GOT TO GO...
?
KYAA!
S-SOU-CHAN?! AND JUDOU-KUN?!
What amazing effects...

BACKSTAGE
Is that part of the act?
Huh? Is it?
WH...
WHAT?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MA... SHIM?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO CURSE SOMEONE, CURSE JUDOU.
SHIT, CHINO, RUN AWAY...

BUT HOKUTO'S BEEN FROZEN...
...THIS WOMAN... CLOSELY RESEMBLES HOKUTO.
I NEED YOUR SOUL.
DON'T BLAME ME.

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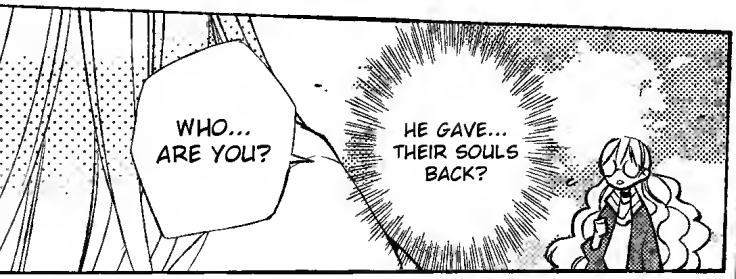
I-IT'S THE DISABLING SYNDROME!!
HOLD ON!
S-SOMEONE!
CALL 911!
WHAT... BUT I HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING...
THEN WHO...
THEY'RE UP ABOVE?!
HEY!
JUDOU-KUN! SOU-CHAN!
JUDOU, LET'S GO!
RIGHT!

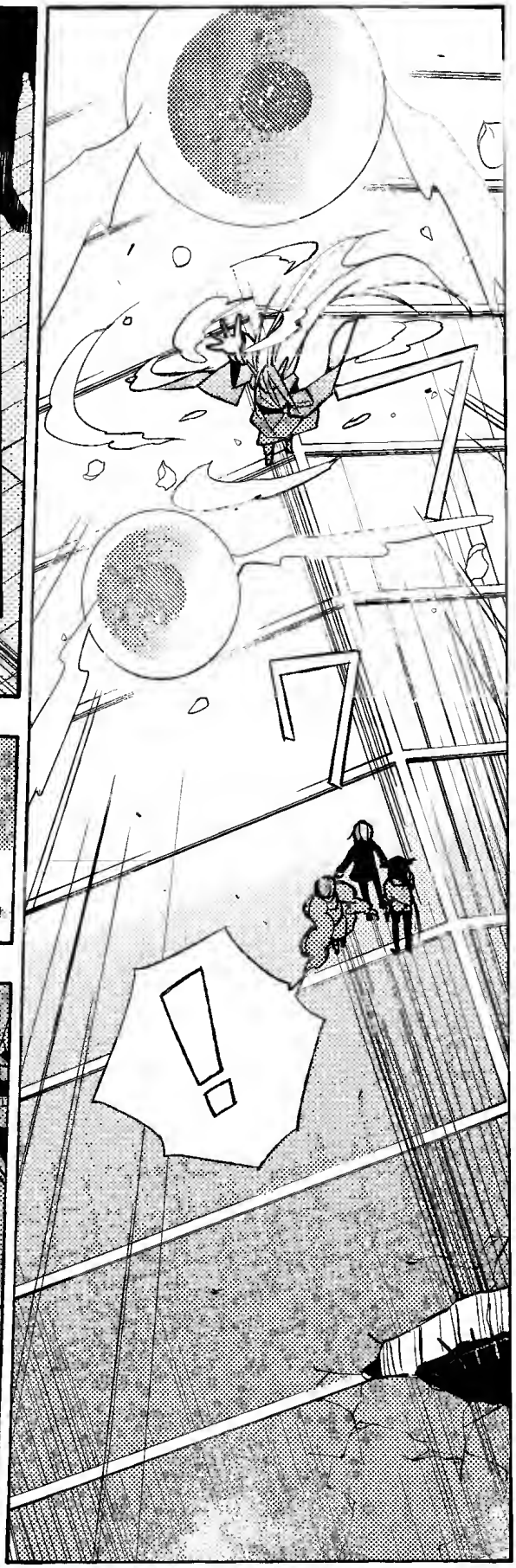
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU'RE NO SOUL EATER OF MINE.
...LEAVE.
H-HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
HE'S NOT WITH MASHIM.

HEY, GIVE ME THOSE SOULS.
!
GH
B-BRO-THER!
D... DAMN.
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
WATCH OUT. THAT'S NOT A NORMAL SOUL EATER.

HANG IN THERE!
H-HEY! THEY'RE WAKING UP!
...GH.


WHO... ARE YOU?
HE GAVE... THEIR SOULS BACK?

LEAVE.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HEY, AREN'T YOU ON MASHIM'S SIDE...?
HE DIS-APPEARED?
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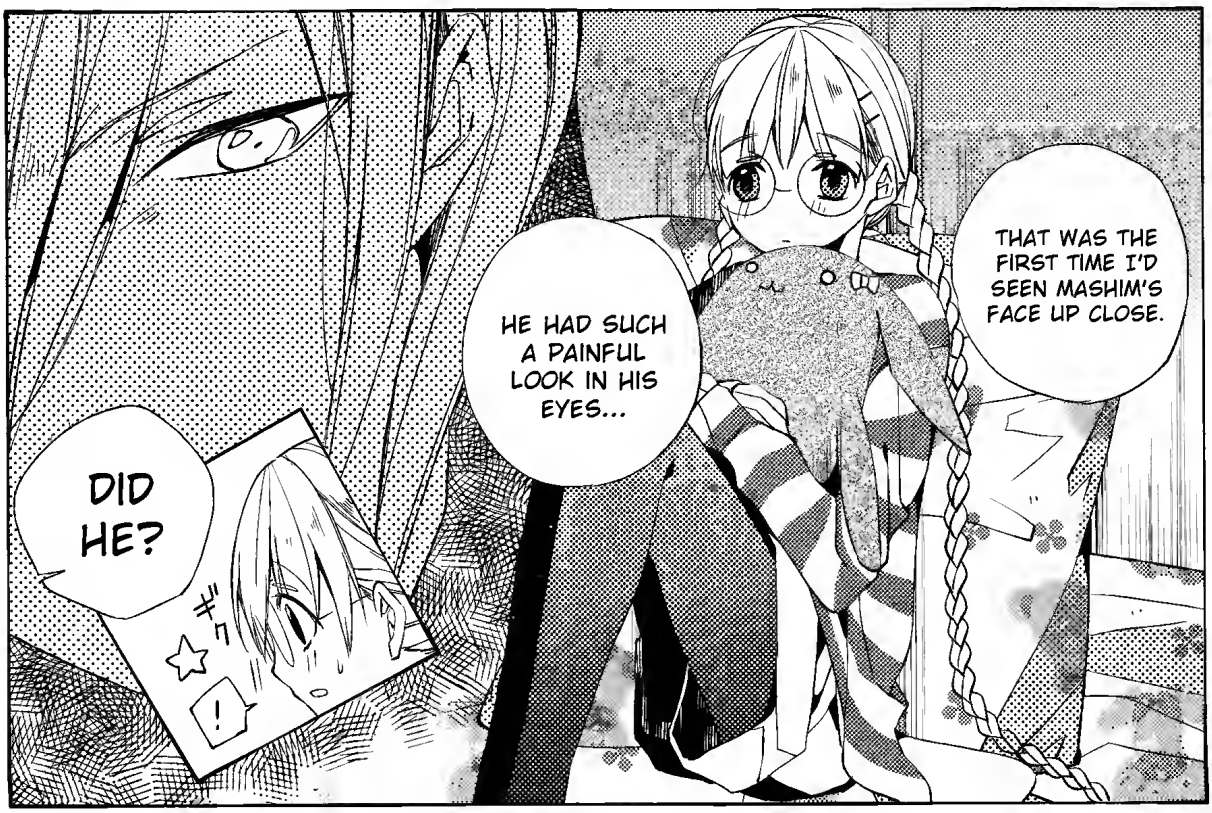
...
THAT WAS COLD...
Huh? GAH! "The hell?!
It's your fault!
SNOW?
THE HELL WAS THAT.
Ah, your ears!
HEY, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH THIS HOLE?

WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT?
"IF YOU'RE GOING TO CURSE ANYONE, CURSE JUDOU"...


THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D SEEN MASHIM'S FACE UP CLOSE.
HE HAD SUCH A PAINFUL LOOK IN HIS EYES...
DID HE?
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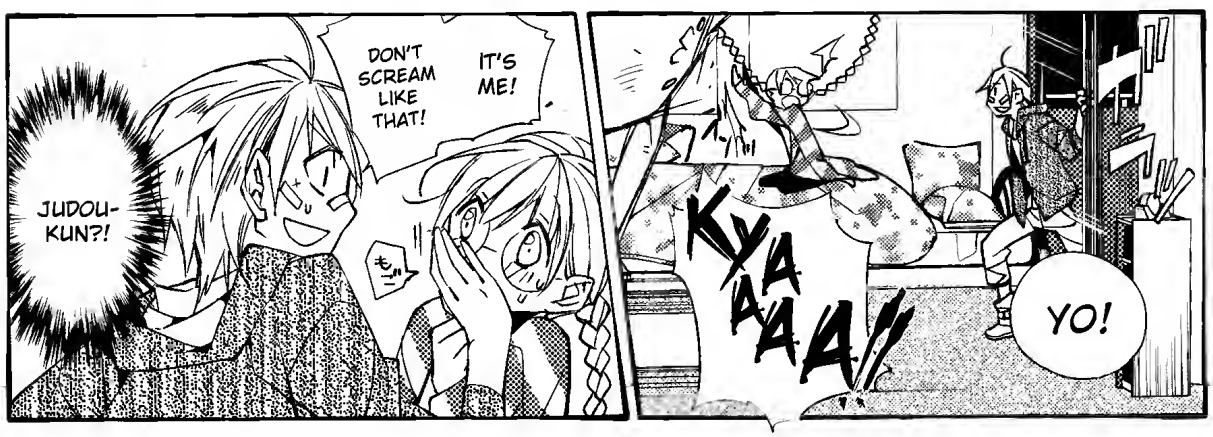
JUDOU-KUN?!
DON'T SCREAM LIKE THAT!
IT'S ME!
KYAAAAA!!
YO!

AND I.
ABOUT MY BROTHER...
WH-WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
How are your wounds?
Alright
SO YOU THINK...
MASHIM IS GATHERING SOULS FOR HIS LOVER, HOKUTO-SAN?
I... THINK SO.
she made him take off his shoes
I KNEW WHO HOKUTO WAS,
BUT I RARELY, SAW HER, AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT SHE'D DIED.
IF WHAT MY BROTHER SAID WAS TRUE, THEN I'M GUESSING HE'S GATHERING SOULS TO BRING HER BACK TO LIFE...
...THAT'S SO SAD.
BUT I CAN'T SYMPA-THIZE WITH HIM.
HE'S ALREADY HURT THE PEOPLE OF ALBOX.
EVEN IF IT'S FOR HIS DEAD LOVER, HE'S STILL HURTING PEOPLE BY TAKING THEIR SOULS FOR HIS OWN SELFISH PURPOSE.
YEAH. I... GUESS.
AND HIS EYES LOOKED SO SAD...
AH!
ANY-WAY,
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS TOWN AT NIGHT?! IT'S SO PRETTY! HAVE YOU SEEN IT?!
HUH? Y-YEAH, I LIVE HERE, SO...
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

HEY, DON'T HIT ME AGAIN!
CLOSE YOUR EYES FOR A SEC.
GH...
I-I WASN'T GOING TO HIT YOU!
AH HA HA HA!
COME ON!
!
OKAY, OPEN YOUR EYES.
W... Wooooow!

..I DON'T CARE IF IT'S RIGHT TO TELL CHINO THIS.
THAT MUST BE WHY THEY LOOK SO WARM.
YEAH.

IT'S SO PRETTY!
...EVERY ONE OF THOSE LIGHTS IS A SIGN OF LIFE.
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE TOWN FROM UP HERE!

I HAVE TO TELL HER.

ABOUT
MY TRUE FORM.
WHAT DOES JUDOU MEAN BY HIS "TRUE FORM"...?!